

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
NOVEMBER 16, 2005 MEETING MINUTES**

At 7:31 PM, Director Charles R. Sullivan opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Director Sullivan stated the meeting was in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

On roll call, the following Freeholders were present: Lee R. Ware via telephone, Beth E. Timberman, Bruce L. Bobbitt, R. Benjamin Simmermon, Jr., C. David Sparks, Jr., and Charles R. Sullivan. A quorum was present. Freeholder Susan A. Bestwick was absent.

Motion was made by Mr. Bobbitt that the reading of the Minutes of October 19, 2005 and November 2, 2005 meetings be dispensed with and that the Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. Ms. Timberman seconded his motion. The motion to accept the minutes as corrected carried by hand vote of 5 present and "aye" of Mr. Ware.

WAIVER OF THE RULES

Mr. Bobbitt made a motion to waive the Rules of the Board specifically section 2:1-3 to permit Freeholder Lee Ware participation by conference phone at the evening's meeting due to his recovery from knee surgery and immobility. Mr. Bobbitt further moved to waive section 2:1-7 (j) requiring a seven day advance notice period for resolutions R2005-457, 458, 459, 468, 470, 471, 472 and 473 which provided access to funding and grants received from the State of New Jersey after the 7 day period and draft grant application for PARIS 2006 to meet deadline submittals. The two motions were seconded by Ms. Timberman. The motion to waive the rules carried by hand vote of 5 present and "aye" of Mr. Ware.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Citation Honoring New Jersey National Guard Company I, 114th Infantry was read.

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

Frank J. Cianfrani, Chief, Regulatory Branch, US Army Corps of Engineers – Public Notice to solicit comments and recommendations concerning issuance of a Department of the Army permit for work located at the following areas:

- Delaware River at the DuPont Edge Moor Plant, New Castle County, DE

James R. Iannone, Acting Executive Director, South Jersey Transportation Authority – copy of the November 15th agenda

Douglas A. White, PA, Sr. Project Manager, Adams, Rehmann & Heggan Associates Inc. – letter requesting application for water main extension via Penns Grove Water Company, Gateway Business Park – Oldmans Township

Kenneth James, President, Salem County Board of Taxation – letter dated 11/2/05 advising of the appointment of the new Salem County Tax Administrator

Kenneth James, President, Salem County Board of Taxation – letter dated 11/10/05 clarifying the salary approval of the new Salem County Tax Administrator

Kenneth James, President, Salem County Board of Taxation – letter dated 11/16/05 addressing the issue of annual base wage increases

Barbara L. Uhland – letter dated 11/10/05 advising the termination of her contract upon the appointment of the new Salem County Tax Administrator

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

For the Month of October

Adjuster

Emergency Services

Shelter of Hope Population Report

Southern Railroad Company of New Jersey

For the Month of November

Surrogate

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES

Advisory Committee on Alcohol & Drug Abuse November 3rd Minutes and list of meeting dates for 2006

Planning & Transportation Committee October 18th Minutes

Transportation Advisory Council October 18th Minutes and November 21st Agenda

Youth Workforce Investment Council September 28th Minutes

Commission on Women October 11th Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Bobbitt that the Correspondence, Departmental Reports, and Committee/Commission Minutes be received and filed with Ms. Timberman seconding his motion. The motion carried by hand vote of 5 present and “aye” of Mr. Ware.

PAYMENT OF BILLS & CLAIMS

Motion was made by Mr. Bobbitt that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and audited, be paid and charged to their respective accounts. Motion was seconded by Ms. Timberman, which carried by hand vote of 5 present and “aye” of Mr. Ware.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion was made by Mr. Bobbitt that the Treasurer’s Report be received, filed and made available to the public. Motion was seconded by Ms. Timberman, which carried by hand vote of 5 present and “aye” of Mr. Ware.

The Clerk of the Board/Administrator read resolutions in block by committee with Board concurrence.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE – Sullivan, Ware, Bobbitt

R2005-455 Finance Resolution Cancellation of Grant Balances (Total - \$1,160,290.78)

R2005-456 Finance Resolution Requesting Transfer of Funds

R2005-457 Resolution Approving Application for a Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) 2006 Grant

R2005-458 Resolution Awarding a Professional Service Contract to Triad Associates to Serve as Grant Preparation Consultant to the County of Salem (\$6,500)

R2005-459 Resolution Re-Appointing Members to the Salem County Library Commission (Pat Willis and Edyth Montgomery)

Mr. Bobbitt moved for adoption of the five resolutions with Ms. Timberman seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried by hand vote of 5 present and “aye” of Mr. Ware.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE –Simmermon, Ware, Bestwick

No action came before this committee at this meeting

COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Bestwick, Sullivan, Sparks

No action came before this committee at this meeting

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Sparks, Timberman, Simmermon

R2005-460 Resolution Authorizing Award of Contracts for Professional Services (\$9,600 – Fiore Copare, MD)

R2005-461 Resolution Authorizing Freeholder Director and Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the County of Salem to Sign and Accept the 2006 County Environmental Health Act Grant Application (\$124,900)

R2005-462 Resolution Supporting the Recommendation of the Inter-Agency Council in the Distribution of 2006 Funds under the Comprehensive Emergency Assistance System, Social Services for the Homeless and the TANF Homeless Initiative

R2005-463 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$6,000 – Mental Health Board Planning Grant)

R2005-464 Resolution for the Appointment of a Member to the Salem County Mental Health Board (Gay Allen)

Mr. Sparks moved for adoption of the five resolutions with Ms. Timberman seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried by hand vote of 5 present and “aye” of Mr. Ware.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE – Ware, Bobbitt, Simmermon

R2005-465 Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Authorizing the Prosecutor's Office to Enter into a Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement

R2005-466 Resolution of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Supporting and Approving a Grant Application from the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice for the Prosecutor's Office (\$87,340 – Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force Grant Number JAG 1-17-TF-05)

R2005-467 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-897, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$87,340 – Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force Grant No. JAG 1-17-TF-05)

R2005-468 Resolution Authorizing the County of Salem to Enter into an Agreement with Matrix Security for the Purpose of the Installation and Administration of a Buffer Zone Surveillance System (Grant Amount: \$444,485)

Mr. Ware moved for adoption of the four resolutions with Mr. Bobbitt seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried by hand vote of 5 present and “aye” of Mr. Ware.

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Timberman, Sullivan, Bestwick

R2005-469 Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1 – Railroad Construction Phase I Main Stem Class I for the County of Salem

R2005-470 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-897, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$10,367 – Workforce Development Partnership Program)

R2005-471 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-897, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$5,000 – FY05 Homeland Security Grant Program)

R2005-472 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-897, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$3,118 – FY05 Homeland Security Grant Program)

R2005-473 Resolution Awarding a Sole Source Limited Contract for the Purchase of Material Associated with the Rehabilitation of the Salem County Railroad, the Portion Known as the Oldmans Trestle, for the County of Salem (\$50,000)

Ms. Timberman moved for adoption of the five resolutions with Mr. Bobbitt seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried by hand vote of 5 present and “aye” of Mr. Ware.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE – Bobbitt, Timberman, Sparks

R2005-474 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for the Design and Permitting for the Salem County Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Extension Project for the County of Salem (\$19,500 – Federici & Akin, P.A.)

R2005-475 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for Design and Permitting of the Fiscal Year 2006 Road Resurfacing and Safety Improvement Program, Multiple Roads, for the County of Salem (\$85,000 – Federici & Akin, P.A.)

R2005-476 Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1 – Final - Kelly Saw Mill Bridge Replacement, Commissioner’s Pike, County Road #581 over Alloway Creek, County Bridge #1701074 in Alloway Township for the County of Salem

R2005-477 Resolution Approving Change Order No. 3 – Final – Rehabilitation of Hancock’s Bridge over Alloways Creek, County Bridge #1701300, County Route #658, Lower Alloways Creek Township, Salem County, New Jersey

Mr. Bobbitt moved for adoption of the four resolutions with Ms. Timberman seconding his motion. The motion for adoption of Resolutions R2005-474 and R2005-475 carried by hand vote of 4 present, “aye” of Mr. Ware with nay of Mr. Simmermon. The motion for adoption of Resolutions R2005-476 and R2005-477 carried by hand vote of 5 present and “aye” of Mr. Ware

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sparks congratulated the winners of the Freeholder election. Director Sullivan recognized Freeholder-elect David T. Lindenmuth in the audience. Mr. Lindenmuth thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ray Bolden of Interagency Council (IAC) said his grant from DHSS did provide a cost of living increase but utilities cost rose. The original limitation of \$150 had been raised to \$300 but will cause

less clients to be served this year. Mr. Bolden also said that the present statewide funding formula penalized small organizations with set costs of overhead and that an equitable funding formula would provide a basic stipend for overhead for small organizations and then add in a set formula.

Mr. Emerson Eisele of Upper Pittsgrove inquired if some of the CEHA environmental funds would be utilized for environmental concerns. The CFO said she was not sure of the exact use of the grant. The Clerk of the Board/Administrator said part of the funds involved underground storage tanks program oversight which protects water aquifers. She invited Mr. Eisele to review the program application for the grant via an Open Public Records Act request.

Director Sullivan closed the public portion.

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was requested.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Bobbitt moved for adjournment of the meeting, with Mr. Sparks seconding his motion. With the motion properly moved, seconded and approved by all six members, the meeting adjourned at 7:52PM.